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DOE-SR Makes a Difference Through Donation to Educational Center

Aiken, SC -- The Department of Energy-Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) is making a real impact to increase learning resources for an educational nonprofit organization through its Computers for Learning (CFL) program. Just recently, DOE-SR donated 20 computer systems to the Darden Enlightenment Center located in Farmville, North Carolina.

"We at DOE-SR are extremely pleased to be able to make a positive impact in communities where the needs of at-risk youth or senior citizens is great," said DOE-SR Manager Dave Moody. "The donation of these computers is one way we can make a difference for others during our country's time of need."

The CFL program allows DOE-SR to donate its excess computers to organizations that have met the Government Service Administration requirements defined as an education institution. The CFL program evolved as a guide for implementing Executive Order 12999, "Educational Technology: Ensuring Opportunity for all Children in the Next Century." This order encourages agencies, to the extent permitted by law, to transfer computers and related nonessential excess equipment directly to schools and educational nonprofit organizations.

Darden Enlightenment Center is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization designed to assist at-risk youth living in rural and high violence areas and households with limited education. The center offers many a variety of services, including educational assistance and job skill preparation/training. There has been a real need to update the Center's antiquated computer lab. Through DOE's Computers for Learning Program ,20 computer systems, complete with DVD and CD components and flat screen monitors, were made available to the center and immediately put to use by the Center's youth and senior citizen clients.

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"We could not have been more pleased with DOE's donation," said Darren Darden, Director of Darden Enlightenment Center. "These computer systems will do wonders for our center and afford our clients the technological resources needed to achieve education and employment goals."

Additional information on the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management and the Savannah River Site, can be found at http://www.srs.gov.

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